

MEETING RECORD

NAME OF GROUP: Nebraska Capitol Environs Commission

DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING: Thursday, July 24, 2003, 7:45 a.m., Room 206, County-City Building, 555 South 10th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska

MEMBERS AND OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Members: Karen Kilgarin, Jeff Searcy, and Kim Todd. **Jim Hewitt, Thomas Laging, V.J. Nelson, and Patrick O'Donnel absent.**

Others: Lynn Johnson and Jerry Shorney (Parks and Recreation); Dennis Sheer and Jeffre Chadwick (Clark Enersen Partners); Ed Zimmer and Michele Abendroth (Planning Dept.)

STATED PURPOSE OF THE MEETING: Regular Meeting of the Nebraska Capitol Environs Commission

Mr. Searcy called the meeting to order at 7:58 p.m. Due to the lack of a quorum, the approval of the February 27th meeting notes was not voted upon.

Application by The Clark Enersen Partners for a Certificate of Appropriateness for work on Lincoln Mall, the public right-of-way between So. 10th Street and So. 14th Street, between the State Capitol and the County/City Buildings, in the Capitol Environs District.

Dennis Scheer proceeded by stating that they are now in construction documents and will bid for projects in the next couple weeks. He noted that they have reviewed the plan with Parks and Recreation and Urban Design Development, so all the departments that are involved have reviewed the plan. Generally, they are doing a reconstruction at all of the corners in colored concrete pavers, so every corner will be consistent with what is on the 1010 building. All of the existing trees will be preserved and additional red oaks will be planted. They will also replace sections of the sidewalk and curb.

Mr. Scheer then reviewed the choice and locations of the proposed landscaping. They will irrigate the entire median which will allow for better plant adaptability. At the noses of the medians, they will incorporate a perennial planting of daffodils and red daylilies. They will use vinca for ground cover in the median and will incorporate red shrub rose plantings as well. They are also incorporating uplighting in the medians.

In regard to the benches, they are going to use a landscape forms bench. On the south side of the mall, the benches face north. The benches are a series of three seats with arms between the seats. On the south side, the benches will have backs. On the north side, there are no backs but will be the same type of bench. The benches on the north side will be perpendicular to the sidewalk in order to enhance the view of the capitol. There will also be trash receptacles at each bench.

The locations of the bus shelters will remain the same, but the shelter itself will change. There will an addition of eight planters on the mall. There will be historical inscriptions on the rim of each of the planters.

Jeff Chadwick stated that there are proposing two styles of bus shelters with the only difference being the size of the shelter. The benches will be heated but will be designed to make them uncomfortable to lay

on. There will be ½" tempered glass on three sides. The glass is more durable, doesn't scratch and can be quickly replaced. The main structure will be six columns of aluminum. The concrete for the benches will be the same as the planter boxes. They are looking for opportunities for inscription on the edges of the shelters and planters. There will be minimal light at the shelters, and they will not be lit at night.

Mr. Searcy stated that the Commission will take action on this item at a later date as there is not a quorum today.

Application by First Christian Church for a Certificate of Appropriateness for a sign at 430 S. 16th Street

Mr. Searcy stated that he feels the sign is suitable, but again, the Commission will need to take action at a future meeting due to the lack of a quorum.

Request to rename S. 15th Street "Goodhue Boulevard" from H to A Streets in Capitol Environs District.

Mr. Searcy suggested that this item appear on the next agenda for official vote.

Staff Report/Miscellaneous

There being no further business, Mr. Searcy adjourned the meeting at 8:45 a.m.